

REMARKS:

Claims 6-23 are currently pending in the present Application. Claims 1-5 were previously cancelled. Claims 6-21 are hereby cancelled.

Claims 6-17 and 19-21 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,504,990 (*Abecassis*). Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Abecassis* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,930,803 (*Becker*).

Claims 22 and 23 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a):

Claims 6-21 are hereby cancelled, consequently rendering the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) moot; however, the Applicants hereby reserve the right to later pursue Claims 6-21 in later filed applications. Although the Applicants believe Claims 6-21 are directed to patentable subject matter without amendment, Claims 6-21 are hereby cancelled in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application. By making this amendment, the Applicants do not indicate agreement with or acquiescence to the Examiner's position with respect to the rejections of Claims 6-21 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a), as set forth in the Office Action.

Objection of Claims 22 and 23:

Claims 22 and 23 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 22 and 23 are hereby amended by rewriting them in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Thus, the

Applicants submit that Claims 22 and 23 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully requests that Claims 22 and 23, as amended, be allowed.

CONCLUSION:

The Applicants submit that the subject application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (817) 447-9955 with any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to the subject application.

This Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being filed via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's EFS-Web electronic filing system. This Amendment is being filed with a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) and a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The filing fees are being paid via a designated credit card. No additional fees are deemed to be necessary; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 502806**.

Respectfully submitted,

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